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Applicants: N. ERGUN et al.

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING FATTY ACID METHYL ESTER AND
EQUIPMENT FOR REALISING THE SAME

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED FEBRUARY 17, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed April 13, 2004, which sets a three month shortened statutory period for response until July 17, 2004.

Applicants note that this reply is being filed by the initial due date for response whereby an extension of time and the fee associated therewith are not required. Moreover, this response is being filed within two months of the mailing of the Final Office Action. However, if any extension of time is necessary for maintaining the pendency of this application, including any extension of time necessary for entry of an Examiner's Amendment, this is an express request for any required extension of time to maintain the pendency of the application, and authorization to charge any required extension of time fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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Entry of the instant amendment with reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Amendments To the Specification are reflected beginning at page 3 of the paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which appears in the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.111, filed February 4, 2004.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.